

# Understanding Lynch Syndrome

## A Cause for Concern—And Potentially Cancer

Lynch syndrome is an inherited cancer syndrome that is linked to a genetic predisposition for developing certain types of cancer.

### By Any Other Name

Lynch syndrome is named after Henry T. Lynch, a doctor who began studying the disorder in the 1960s. It also may be referred to as:

- Hereditary nonpolyposis colorectal cancer (HNPCC)
- Cancer family syndrome
- Familial nonpolyposis colon cancer
- Hereditary nonpolyposis colorectal neoplasms

### COULD I HAVE IT?

Talk with your provider if your family has a history of colorectal cancer or you have a relative with Lynch syndrome. Both of these factors make it more likely that you have the genetic mutation.

## BY THE NUMBERS

**1 in 279**

people in the United States who have a gene mutation associated with Lynch syndrome

**4,000**

number of colorectal cancer cases per year due to Lynch syndrome

**1,800**

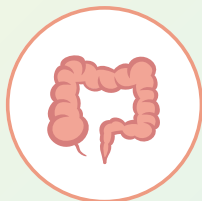
number of uterine cancer cases per year due to Lynch syndrome

**40s & 50s**

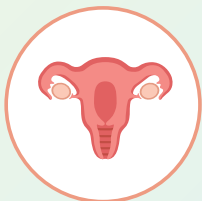
the age when those with Lynch syndrome are most likely to develop cancer

## AN INCREASED RISK

People who have Lynch syndrome are at a greater risk for the following cancers:



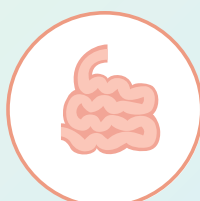
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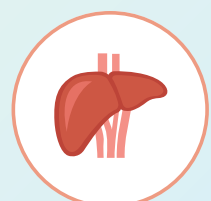
Uterine



Stomach



Small intestine



Liver



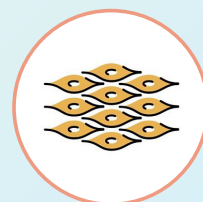
Kidney & Urinary tract



Brain



Gallbladder



Skin